



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

JULY 2026

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Ford Stepp read the report as follows:

- Crack sealed roads in prep for chip seal project, all roads except for Great Belt Rd. to date.
- Road edges mowed for second time this year.
- 600 tons of salt was ordered waiting for delivery.
- Observed mill and fill crew, paver broke down causing delay.
- Picked up 3 more pallets of crack seal material.
- Met with People's Gas for proposed gas line replacement on Blakely, Burtner, and Becker Roads.
- Rolled limestone screenings into bleeding sections on Jones Rd. in prep for chip seal.
- Chipped tree limbs at park with Stephenson Landscape.
- Storm clean-up 7-6-2026 and 7-7-2026

Recreation Committee

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Recreation Committee met on Wed., July 1, 2026

The Recreation Committee was unable to complete their meeting on July 1st because they didn't have a quorum.

BASEBALL (Knoch Youth Baseball) ASSN.:

www.knochyouthbaseball.com

POOL ASSN.:

www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL ASSN:

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN:

www.knochsoccer.org.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the June 15, 2026, P.C. meeting.

The P.C. discussed Modification Requests for a Preliminary Land Development Plan proposed for a solar project at Winfield and Riemer Roads submitted by SV CSG Jefferson I, LLC (Nancy Jefferies, Community Solar Gardens) The Supervisors voted to table SV CSG Jefferson I LLV as requested by developer because they have a scheduling conflict and are not able to attend this meeting.

The P.C. discussed a Modification Request for 138 Fraizer Road submitted by Bruce and Ruth Walker. Pursuant to Section 22-904.2 B (3), a 25-foot side yard setback is required. The Walkers are requesting a 21.5-foot setback for the existing shed (a 3.5 foot right side yard modification). This will allow for a Proposed Lot Line Revision between 138 and 142 Frazier Road to establish a common property line which will then allow a conforming left side yard setback of 25.1 feet from the existing dwelling at 142 Frazier Road which currently has a 1.8-foot setback. The intent of this modification

request is for adjusting property lines and setbacks ahead of submitting for Land Preservation Status for the Walker Farm. The Supervisors voted for approval of the modification.

The P.C. reviewed the plan for a Lot Consolidation Plan at 441 and 443 Great Belt Road submitted for David and Karen Hewitt and the review letter provided by HRG. The intent was to consolidate three separate lots into a single 3.55-acre lot. HRG comments 1, 2, 3, and 5 were determined not to be applicable by the P.C. recommended to acceptance of the consolidation contingent on addressing HRG comments 4 (labeling an existing garage as non-compliant), 6 (providing a Waiver Request from Section 22-801, Parts 5 and 7), and 7 (adding a signature block for owner responsibility for stormwater drainage facilities and control). The manager noted that all the contingencies were met and recommended approval except that the Board of Supervisors may want to consider the elimination of the existing driveway on Butler Country Tax Parcel # 190-1F155-6C (to be combined) per ordinance 21-305.C which limits the number of driveways for each parcel to one. As noted by Supervisor Stepp due to the former Tax Parcel 190-1F155-6C being combined with the adjoining parcel and said parcel has an existing driveway and by eliminating the existing driveway and constructing a new interconnecting driveway (to a future garage as indicated by Mr. Hewitt) would have less land disturbance and be more environmentally friendly not having to cross the existing stream. The Board of Supervisors approved the Hewitt Plan with both existing driveways as presented.

The P.C. reviewed a conceptual plan for commercial development at 783 Dinnerbell Road, including an approximate 29,263 square-foot building and associated parking. The plan assumes acceptance of setback modifications to the north and east, readjustment of the northern property line, and primary access via a private roadway (Moraine Drive). The consensus was that too many modifications were proposed and that a formal plan would need to conform with current ordinances without modifications

The P.C. discussed a request by the Board of Supervisors to develop an Ordinance for Data Centers. The P.C. discussed researching existing ordinances and information available from Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS). Mike Gaston volunteered to spearhead the effort as he has experience in this area. Mike Gaston and Brian Noah will work on a Data Center Ordinance sample.

April 20, 2026, Rich Craft, Olsen Craft Associates, LLC, was present to discuss comments received from HRG (dated April 15, 2026) on the Wain Landscaping Land Development Plan. The Supervisors voted to approve the preliminary/final plan contingent upon item #1 HRG, letter dated 7-14-2026.

The Supervisors voted for Terne Holding, LLC. acceptance of an additional 180-day extension for the Proposed Land Development located at 737 Freeport Road.

July 13, 2026, Unfinished Business and Old Business

The Board of Supervisors voted to table for one more month Resolution #555 setting the 2026 compensation for the township manager.

Personal Codes Enforcement Update. (3-27-2026 previously distributed in folders, 7-10-2026 update to be distributed). No action taken.

Metal roof on the Baseball Restroom and Concession Stand: Scope of work documents being prepared.

Old Attorney files from Dillion McCandless, King, Coulter and Graham – Chairperson Lois Rankin review 1 packet with Lawsons.

The Board of Supervisors voted for SEBCO Pool Approval of Payment Application #4 to Mainline Pools in the amount of \$272,250.00.

Update on Concordia Donation

The Supervisors voted to accept the original Acceptance of Gift / Donation agreement as presented by Concordia Lutheran Ministries.

July 13, 2026, New Business

Wendy Leslie received a proposal from Widmer Engineering Inc. for accessible walkway (concrete sidewalk) at Laura Doerr Park Vaulted Restroom Facilities. The supervisors voted for approval to Accept the Widmer Engineering proposal for engineering, design and preparation of Bid Documents in the amount of \$8,000.00.

The Supervisors voted for approval of Change Order #1 to the general contract for not removing all of the existing pool wall tiles and prep for the liner areas per the original design as recommended by the Pool Lining Company in the amount of \$76,997.90.

The Board voted for approval of Change Order #2 to the general contract for adding the Testing of the Existing Pool Piping for existing leaks in a not to exceed amount of \$4,801.25 as outlined by Mainline Commercial Pools (as attached) to American LEAK Detection.

Discussion of a change order to offset some of the costs associated with the SEBCO Pools Renovation Electric Contract for listed items. Missed during the Bidding Process. The Supervisors voted to pay just for the material costs in the amount of \$23,400.00 as designed and not labor costs.

The Board voted for approval of Payment Application #1 for Blackhawk Neff Electrical for work completed for the SEBCO Pool Renovation Project in the amount of \$ 12,271.14.

The Board of Supervisors voted to authorize attendance and payment of \$175.00 registration plus mileage reimbursement for PSATS Northwest/Erie County – Fall Convention is Aug 13, 2026; or Southwest Cranberry on October 1, 2026 - for township officials (usually Supervisors, Sec/Treas. & Asst., Manager. To attend one each.

The Supervisors voted to accept the Impact Fee notice of allocation was received 6/16/26 for the total of \$175,350.14. Resolution #560 Supplemental Budget needs to be adopted for the difference of \$75,350.14.

The Board of Supervisors voted to advertise for a Work Sop Meeting regarding enhancement/upgrade/purchase software (Quick Books) from current RA accounting program to Quick Books with check readers, etc.

The Board of Supervisors voted for approval of Jefferson Township Granting West Penn Power a Permanent Easement across Butler County Tax Map Parcel Number 190-1F96-10-0000 for the installation of an electric line and transformer.

Samuel H. Riemer and Leah R. Riemer Butler County Tax Map # 190-1F153-3G-0000 to the AG Security Area. The Supervisors voted to Adopt Resolution # 561 to Accept Butler County Tax Map # 190-1F153-3G-0000 into the Ag. Security Area.

The Supervisors voted to sign the Summit Township Multimodal Support Letter.

Notice the Hire of Summer Help Employee Matthew (Marc) Kennedy at an hourly rate of \$23.00. Employee has Class A CDL and Flagger Certification. Start date was June 23, 2026.

Need budget update – Lois - Road Budget update was in the folders.

Need the 2026 updated inventory list. No action taken, supervisors are requesting a updated inventory list provided in insurance coverage. check with Lois Fennell for her list. check with Road Forman for possible list left by former Road Foreman.

Sidewalk at Township Building update – wasn't discussed.

Board of Supervisors and township residents had a discussion on the current Burning Ordinance. *Motion* by Ford Stepp for the Planning Commission to review the Burning Ordinance. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Chairperson Lois Rankin discussed the PSATS Bill of Rights.

Chairperson Lois Rankin asked for an update on Ebikes. Township manager said there is no update from parks and rec.

Chairperson Lois Rankin asked for an update on the white light 00356/Marwood/Neupert. Township Manager said that Bronder Technical is still waiting on the sign to be delivered.

Chairperson Lois Rankin asked for an update on encroachment Township Park Property. Township Manager said it was staked 3 days after the last meeting. Township Supervisors review the property line if they wish.

Chairperson Lois Rankin asked for an update on the Southeast meeting. Vice Chair, Braden Beblo said that he and the Township Manager are trying to share the meetings between the two of them.

Copy of agreement with Sarah Krewlow – Lois

Board of Supervisors were provided a copy of the cost quote & email with Sarah Brennfleck.

Note: A Change Order for Blackhawk Neff Electrical will follow for the repair of the Pool water pump Wiring and fuses in order to fix the water supply need for Mainline Commercial Pools to perform the required plumbing testing. Board Acknowledged.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – July 13, 2026

Resident Sue Hartzel spoke to the Board regarding two Planning Commission members being married on the board, and why don't they have the same last name.

Plus, she would like to know who turned us in for burning on her sister-in-law farm for burning. Sue Hartzel complained about the response of the right to know request, requested by her nephew

Resident Valarie Kapalka spoke to the Board regarding her mom's residence at 398 Bullcreek Rd. They have concerns of discharge from neighbor's septic into the ditch line. Valerie presented the board with a letter from the DEP and photographs. SEO Doug Duncan conducted an inspection on

the neighbor's system February 2026, and it tested fine, however the homeowner stated that they are still having difficulty mowing, weeding the ditch line etc. Township Manager said that Hobein has been contracted with an agreement to clean out the ditch line and will follow up with them to confirm when they are scheduled.

Major Expenditures since the June 8th meeting through July 13, 2026

Code Sys Code- building permit inspection	\$612.23
Purvis Brother's Fuel - regular gas and diesel	\$3,602.80
Teamster's health insurance	\$10,749.12
Stephenson Tree & Landscaping- tree trimming at Field #2	\$1,800.00
Vogel Disposal- garbage removal for park and township building	\$804.25
HRG Engineering- Engineering fee's	\$1,200.00

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors – 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)

Lois Rankin, Chairman Braden Beblo, Vice-Chair. Ford Stepp, Supervisor

Planning Commission – 3rd Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair), Evelyn Gross, Mike Gaston, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.
Robert Wetzel is an alternate P.C. member.

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (No meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise, Greg Bauer (Pool), Justin Thompson and Josh Harbison (Baseball- Co reps), James C. Jones (Softball), and Kody Durrett (Soccer)

Location for all meetings listed: 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - Any changes are advertised and posted.

Please see websites for the park associations under 'Recreation Committee' above.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

REGULAR HOURS: Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM (CLOSED on Fridays.)

Office phone #724-352-2324 - Fax #724-352-8850 Manager: Leo Rosenbauer

Sec/Treas.: Angel File

Holidays, Vacation, & other days off/office closures are posted on the door.

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftwpbutlerpa2@zoominternet.net – 724-352-2324

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

By mail anytime. All other times by appointment only. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. Secure Drop Box located on the porch at 245 Heller Rd.

August 11, September 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30. Hours remain the same 4:30 - 7:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **NOTICE:** Jefferson Township's responsibility during & following storms and excessive rain events is to clear and protect the Township rights-of-way. The Township is NOT authorized to clean up any private property; the only exception would be for Emergency access for 9-1-1 responders! It is also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.



PA AMERICAN WATER – ‘WaterSource’

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact www.compass.state.pa.us or request an application by calling the Dept. of Human Services Customer Service at 877-395-8930 (or for the hearing-impaired call PA Relay at 711).



Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of ‘ordinary’ (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, yard waste, wood, and other similar items) by residents to ‘dawn to dusk’; *see on-line ordinance for excluded items*. PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished before leaving it unattended.

Recreational fires are permitted by Ordinance #459 (Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances.)

724-287-7769 is the 911 non-emergency contact number to call prior to an open burn.

PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other ‘allowed’ materials to be left smoldering after dusk.

ALL COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES, NON-RESIDENTIAL and MULTI-FAMILY are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time per the Dept. of Environmental Protection. Review the entire Ordinance online at jeffersonbutler.com (under MORE/ORDINANCES) or stop at the Municipal Building to pick up a copy.



NEED HELP: Call (dial) 2-1-1 for help or Contact one of the ‘community resources’ below:

- **Food For Kids** Program information: <https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/e62a6eb1-16b1-48d2-ad5c-349fc68f4395.pdf>
- **Food Bank** Information: <https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/2d7ca64b-ee3d-4b4f-8ad9-45aa6cc125a3.pdf>
- **Link for Butler County Food Bank donations:** <https://anrinfo.org/product/butler-county-food-bank-donation/>
- **Butler County Health and Human Services** Resources are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at, <http://pa211sw.org/> or by calling 211.
- **The Center for Community Resources** is also available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at (855)-284-2494. You can also chat with them at their website, <https://ccrinfo.org/>
- **24 Hour Crisis Services Local Hotline** (800) 292-3866
- **United Way of Butler County** – Check with them for help, but also to give donations that will help Butler County citizens. 724-283-4883 <https://www.butlerunitedway.org/butler-county-emergency-relief-initiative-beri>

Do you live in Jefferson Township?

You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!



Don't miss your chance to make some home improvements before the cold weather hits!

The Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program

assists homeowners in renovating their homes!

APPLY TODAY:

financial grants up to \$12,500 to assist eligible low to moderate income homeowners with home improvements including making your home more Energy Efficient. Also, if applicable, an additional \$2,500 is available to make handicap accessibility modifications to your home.



Call, Stop-in, or Email:

Redevelopment Authority County of Butler

114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001

724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772



www.housingauthority.com